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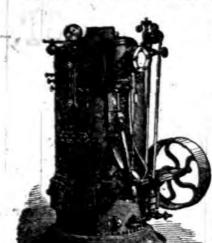
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LITERATURE OF THE DAY MODAMMED'S SUCCESS.

The causes which led to Mohammed's and San Sebastian by the English forces in success will be best understood by taking a the Peninsular war, or of Constantine in rapid glance at the condition of Arabia Algiers by the French in 1837, teaches he about the time of his birth. It must be what we may expect to see in Europe when borne in mind that a vague belief in one next a town is taken by assault, as Stras-God existed among the Arab tribes long be- burg might have been in 1870; "No age." fore that event. Nor must it be forgotten no nation," says Sir W. Napier, "ever sent that the Arabs and Jews were kindred forth braver troops to battle than those who' races, speaking kindred languages, and hav- stormed Badajoz." (April, 1812.) Wet for ing kindred customs, practices and preju- two days and nights there reigned in the dices. Driven out of their own lands at streets, says the writer, "shameless rapesuccessive epochs by Assyrians, Greeks and city, brutal intemperance, savage last, Romans, many Jewish tribes settled in cruely and murder." And what says he of Arabia; and when the Roman Empire be- San Sebastian not a year and a haif later?" came Christianized, colonies of Christians A thunder-storm that broke out "seemed also scattered everywhere, found their way to be a signal from hell for the perpetration into the Ambian peninsula, causing much of villainy which would have shaued the mutual attrition and interchange of thought most ferocious barbarians of antiquity." between Jews, Christians and Arabians. Occasionally Arab tribes were thus converted to the faith of the colonists. Unhappily, both the Judaism and Christianity mind by its enormous, incredible, indesimported in this way into the country were cribable barbarity." If officers lost their of a debased character. They were not very much better than the forms of religion already prevalent among the Arab tribes. Even the doctrines of God's unity had been tampered with and corrupted. No creed them-is it likely that the gallant soldiers worthy of the name of religion existed any- who crowned their bravery with such devwhere in Arabia. Tritheism, polytheism, iltrywould have been one whit restrained by Sabæism, adoration of the snn and planets, the consideration that, in refusing quarter, illolatry, fetishism, animal-worship, plant- or in murdering torturing or mutilating worship, stone-worship, superstitions of the non-combatants, they were acting contrary grossest kinds, were rife in various ways to the rules of modern warfare? - The Genamong tribes. Nowhere, except in the tleman's Magazine. hearts of a few of the more intelligent and thoughtful, were any true ideas of God HAS SKOBELEFF LIVED. still cherished. It was under such circumstances, and amid such surroundings, that Mohammed, "the praised one," (as his so typefied the Russian character, so ful, name signifies,) was born at Mecca about filled the Russian ideal, so inspired the A. D. 570. His father, Abdullah, died be- common Bussian that the masses of the solfore his birth, and his mother, Aminah, diery not only loved him, but held him the when he was six years old. Yet he en- nobler man for sacrificing them in heaps joyed one great advantage, notwithstand. They distinctly reverenced him more after ing his orphaned condition. He had not to the awful slaughter at the Gravitsa redoubt, waste time and energy in pushing his way when he lost 8,000 men, and failed after all apward from obscurity. His granlfather, than they had done before. That is the Abd-ul-Muttalib, who adopted him, be- Russian temper shows through all history longed to the Arabian aristocracy. He was toward all their military favorites toward of the noble family of Hashim, of the Suwaroff, for instance, whose hold over his Kuresh tribe, and was the appointed guar- soldiery was riveted, not weakened, by the dian of the Kabah or sacred temple at Mec- awful slaughter of the storm of Lemail, as cah, a small, cube-shaped stone building well as toward Skobeleff; and that temper which had existed as a sacred edifice for places in the hands of its object very terrimany centuries previously. The guardian- ble resources. He wields the authority not ship of this temple was regarded as the only of a General, but of a religious leader highest honor to which any family could like Mohammed; and when he draws his

aspire, the belief being that it was origi- recruits from a people like the Russians, On the death of the grandfather of Mo. lowed, can conquer in despite of science; hammed, while he was still a boy, his uncle and we do not wonder that the dread of Aba Talib became his guardian, and during Skobeleff among a people like the Germana, all his difficulties never deserted him. His who are naturally kindly, but who underfamily, though noble, was poor, and the stand war, suppressed the instinctive reverboy Molammed was obliged to earn his live- ence for death, and that they deceived shood by tending sheep in the wilderness; tidings of his fate with something of disthus from his earliest years resembling his pleasing exultation. They remember what great prototype Moses, who had to act as Zorndorf was, the buttle in which the Russhepherd to his father-in-law Jethro. It siams were beaten from the first, but died was not until Mohammed was twenty-five in such masses that Frederick's army nearly years of age that he married his rich kins. perished in the buge killing; and they woman Khadijak. She was a widow lady knew that with Skobeleff in command, if who had acquired great wealth by trading | war broke out, Zorndorfs on a gigantie transactions, and was fifteen years his scale were more than possible. The Ressenior. She had intrusted the management sian people would have formed exigun beof her affairs to Mohammed, and, having hind Skebeleff, till in defeating him, even if

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found him eminently trustworthy, gave science had conquered in the end, Germany

proof of her gratitude by offering him her might have suffered as in the Tuirty Years

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did not occur till he was in his fifty-first

NO PENNY POST.

It was not long ago that I happened to b

something from me?" Numbers volun

teered, glad to earn a yard of cloth for the

my friends of all-that it would speak to

and, at a safe distance, gazed at the little

bit of paper fluttering on the ground. "It

one," I said, "keep it and give it to the

white men as they pass this way?" A yell

swered my request. "Then I shall place

it here in this tree," I said, moving toward

it, while the crowd dispersed in flight,

used to do. My friends passed close under

the tree, but no one dared show them this

and terror of the tribe .- A Study-H. B.

AN ASSAULT.

To take a town by assault is the worst

danger a soldier can have to face. The theory therefore had a show of reason, that

without the reward of unlimited liceuse he

Garibaldi's third wife was a washerwe red-shirted hero a pretty dance. She was somewhat expensive in her tastes, seeking to make good her natural disabilities by in a part of Central Africa where no white of demeanor. The helpless old soldier in man had been before. I was separated from my companious—a hundred miles dis- his last days, diseased, rheumstic and tant. War was raging around me; the wrapped in a chronic egotism, was but as road was difficult, I wished to communi. clay in the hands of his Francesca. This was rather a pitiful ending to a romantic care with those whom I had left behind. "Who will return," I asked of the naked career; but there was a sort of poetic jussavages, "to the white men and carry them

THAT BRIGHT HOUR WAS HER LAST. them. He dropped the letter on the ground breathed her last the other day at the age and ran away. Others were tried, but it of ninety-two. For eight years she had was useless. A great crowd assembled, been totally blind, but the day before her however, came a stroke of paralysis, and death followed in a few hours.

charmed thing; and there it is probably to cret hatred and aversion towards society, this day, fluttering on the branch of that in any man, hath somewhat of the savage

stunted hig tree, like an evil spirit, the awe beast. There ought to be a system of manners. overy Lation which a well-formed mind a onid be disposed to relish. To make us love out corning our country ought to be

could never be brought to the breach. Tilly would notice use of every contrivance to is reported to have replied, when he was svoid it, b 4 none of us in troubled about a

entreated by some of his officers to check paragrais of the soul. talized the sack of Magdeburg in 1671: Bad tues excuse their faults, good meg "Three hours' plundering is the shortest sail bave them.

rule of war. The soldier must have some-thing for his toil and trouble." It is on Any child can bear in little dradgery. such occasions, therefore, that war shows and it will do him good; it is the amount itself in its true character, and that M. that kills.